House hold employment

1720. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to target Five crore for house holds for employing one able bodied person from each family for hundred days of work;

(b) the amount approximately required to give the promise a shape; and

(c) the source from which funds would be raised?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The work on drafting a Bill for National Employment Guarantee Act to provide 100 days of employment to one member of a poor household has begun. The requirement of funds and the number of household to be covered are yet to be finalized. Necessary funds would be provided by Central/State Governments as per the requirement. In the mean time, Food for work programme in 150 most backward districts has been announced in the Budget for the current year.

Job-seekers in A.P.

1721. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that according to the latest figures, the number of job-seekers on the 'live register' in Andhra Pradesh was 26.7 lakh;

(b) if so, the details concerning the State of Andhra Pradesh from the report released recently by the Employment Directorate; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide jobs to the job-seekers in various parts otthe country with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Number of job-seekers all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh were approximately 26.7 lakh. In Andhra Pradesh around 2.2 lakh job-seekers registered for jobs during the year 2003.